(b) Amendments to the Claims

Kindly amend claims 1 and 9 as follows. A detailed listing of all the claims that are or were in the application follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic toner comprising magnetic toner particles each comprising at least a binder resin and a magnetic iron oxide, wherein:

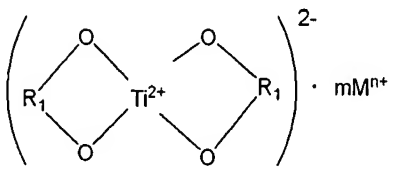
the magnetic toner has a saturation magnetization ~~δs~~ σs being in the range of 5 to 60 Am^2/kg and a remanent magnetization ~~δr~~ σr being in the range of 0.1 to 10.0 Am^2/kg in a measured magnetic field of 795.8 kA/m; and

the binder resin contains a polyester component polymerized by using a Ti chelate compound having a ligand selected from the group consisting of a diol, a dicarboxylic acid, and an oxycarboxylic acid as a catalyst.

2. (Cancelled)

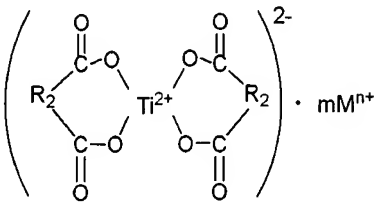
3. (Previously Presented) A magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein the Ti chelate compound is represented by any one of the following formulae (I) to (VIII) and hydrates thereof:

Formula (I)



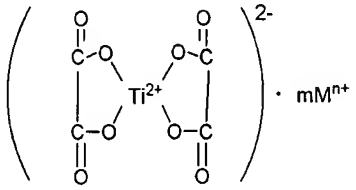
(In the formula (I), R_1 denotes one of an alkylene group or an alkenylene group eachhaving 2 to 10 carbon atoms and may have a substituent, M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2);

Formula (II)



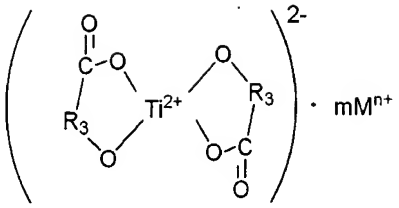
(In the formula (II), R_2 denotes one of an alkylene group or an alkenylene group each having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and may have a substituent, M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2);

Formula (III)



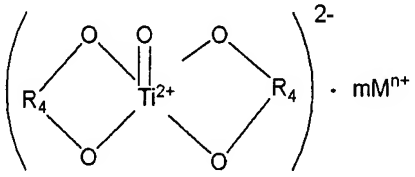
(In the formula (III), M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2);

Formula (IV)



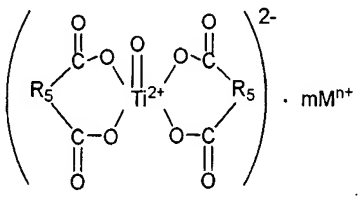
(In the formula (IV), R_3 denotes one of an alkylene group or an alkenylene group each having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and may have a substituent, M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2);

Formula (V)



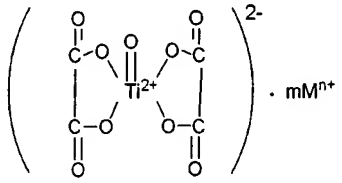
(In the formula (V), R_4 denotes one of an alkylene group or an alkenylene group each having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and may have a substituent, M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2);

Formula (VI)



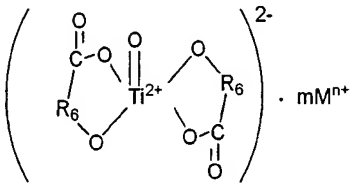
(In the formula (VI), R_5 denotes one of an alkylene group or an alkenylene group each having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and may have a substituent, M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2);

Formula (VII)



(In the formula (VII), M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2);

Formula (VIII)



(In the formula (VIII), R_6 denotes one of an alkylene group or an alkenylene group each having 1 to 10 carbon atoms and may have a substituent, M denotes a countercation, m denotes a cation number, n denotes a cation valence, n=2 when m=1, n=1 when m=2, and

M denotes one of a hydrogen ion, an alkali metal ion, an ammonium ion, or an organic ammonium ion when n=1, or denotes an alkali earth metal ion when n=2).

4. (Original) A magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic iron oxide comprises 0.1 to 2.0% by mass of an Si element.

5. (Original) A magnetic toner according to claim 1, further comprising hydrophobic silica treated with hexamethyldisilazane and with silicone oil.

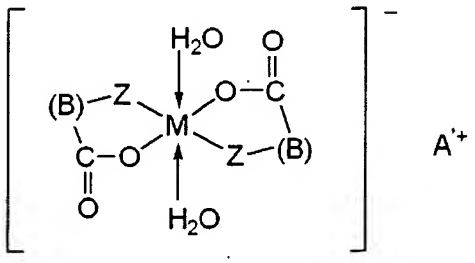
6. (Previously Presented) A magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein an average circularity of the magnetic toner particles of the magnetic toner which have equivalent circle diameters of 3 μm or more and 400 μm or less measured with a flow particle image analyzer, is 0.930 or more and less than 0.970.

7. (Original) A magnetic toner according to claim 3, wherein the Ti chelate compound is represented by any one of the formulae (II), (III), (VI), and (VII) and hydrates thereof.

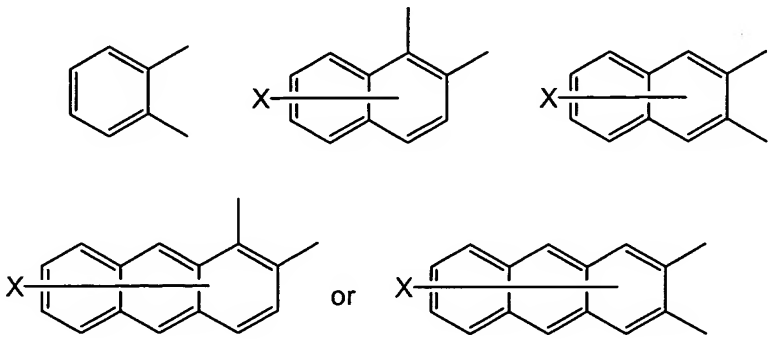
8. (Previously Presented) A magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein the polyester component comprises a compound having a structure containing oxyalkylene ether of a novolak phenolic resin as an alcohol component.

9. (Currently Amended) A magnetic toner according to claim 1, further comprising a metal compound of aromatic hydroxyl carboxylic acid represented by the following formula (13)[[.]]

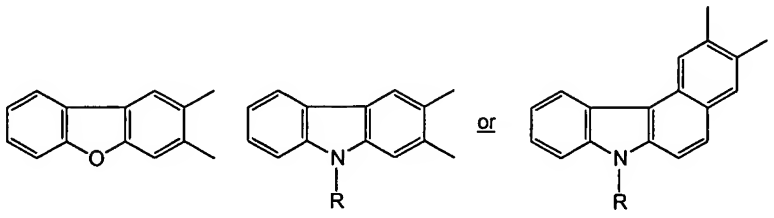
Formula (13)



wherein M represents a coordinating central metal; (B) represents (i) a ~~compound~~ group of the following structure:



which may contain a substituent, wherein X represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or a nitro group[[)]]; or (ii)



wherein, R represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, or an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms[[.]].

A'^{+} represents hydrogen, a sodium ion, a potassium ion, an ammonium ion, or an aliphatic ammonium ion and Z represents -O- or -C(=O)-O-[[)]].